

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Message from the District Commissioner

I hope you have all had a great break over the summer holiday. The weather did what we usually expect and seemed to forget it was summer but I hope you all enjoyed whatever you got up to. The organising team and Leaders of Lochearnhead 2012 are all now recovering from an absolutely brilliant 2 weeks of hard work, excitement and fun, safe in the knowledge that we returned 100 very tired but extremely happy Scouts to Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell after the trip. Whilst we were there our Explorers undertook 3 day, 2 nights hikes on the high hills and our Network members carried out their Queen's Scout Award 4 day hike. Well done to them all and everyone who was involved. It was a true sign of the strength of our District and proof to our out of District and parent helpers that we are a friendly and cohesive group of Leaders in that on both weeks we had adult support from every section from Beavers to Active Support. I feel sure there are very few Districts that could boast that level of diversity in a District Expedition leader team.

We are now back to the active meetings across all sections delivering our usual first class standard of activities and facing the challenge, generated by our own popularity, of ensuring we get as many Young People involved in Scouting as we can. I know from conversations around the District that we are reaching bursting point with the number of Leaders we have, not forgetting the size of the various headquarters around the District, but we do have waiting lists across the sections in most groups. We really need to concentrate on finding both solutions to the space issues and more Adult support for the groups from wherever we can so I ask you please spread the word at every opportunity in and around your Groups to see if we can encourage some more adults to take on the uniform. Please remember to stress that we asking volunteers to give what time they can, it doesn't have to be every Friday, 2 hours without fail, modern life styles mean there are far fewer people prepared to give that much so whatever reasonable support they can offer can and will help us.

Please ensure you all keep up to date with your training needs especially First Aid. It is mandatory that you have a current certificate as an active Leader. Keep your eye open for information from Simon Tierney on available courses.

Opportunities for outdoor activities galore come with this season with night hikes, Halloween, bonfire night and, for the older sections, Green Beret and Peak Assault.

I hope you all have some action packed programmes organised for this autumnal session of scouting and look forward to visiting as many of you as I can wherever you are over the next few months.

Chris King
District Commissioner



Be ready to be entertained. The 2013 Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show is coming to town.

Rehearsals start on Saturday 27 October at 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock.

Cubs and Brownies will rehearse from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Scouts, Guides and Explorers (and Leaders) will rehearse from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

It's a Date!

The show will take place at St Francis Theatre, Letchworth Garden City on 15 March 2013 and 16 March 2013.

Tickets will be £7.00 each - discounts for Groups.

Why not use one of the dates as your meeting night.

Further details and a booking form will be published later.

In the meantime put the dates in your section programme and let's make 2013 a full house.

**KEEP CALM
AND
JOIN THE
GANG SHOW**



Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2012

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War One. At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.



What is Remembrance Day? Remembrance Day is on 11 November. It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. At one time the day was known as Armistice Day and was renamed Remembrance Day after the Second World War.

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November, which is usually the Sunday nearest to 11 November. Special services are held at war memorials and

12th Letchworth Group Camp - Tolmers

Cub Scouts – part II

My favourite thing was the rock (the climbing wall that moves when you climb) because I like climbing a lot. It makes me feel like I am actually climbing a mountain. I liked the bit on it where we had to race a friend. That was cool! The thing that I found hardest was the balls that you roll around in on the top of the water. My second favourite thing was archery because I used to be rubbish at it, but when I tried again, I hit the red and black circles on the target. My worst thing was the space ball. It made me feel sick and it was just so freaky.

My second worst thing was space mountain because lots of people kept pushing people with purple tee shirts off and Katie and me went stumbling into the mud - slimy.

My favourite thing was having a boogie. I made friends with a 20th Enfield conga and everyone started to join in. My conga line was bigger than the boys one who cut out of my line.

My fourth favourite thing was watching the movie Over The Hedge. My favourite part in that was when the shell came off the turtles body and everyone would see his bottom! He he he!! There was a quiz after the fireworks which I found easy because all we had to do was ask people questions about their countries.

Abigail

I liked the idea of an Olympic camp. I also liked that there were loads of different activities. I really liked the Rock, Laser tag and Bumper Cars. The Rock was cool because it moved and you weren't scared even though you weren't clipped on. What really amazed me was the Laser Tag because it used 4 red lights to represent your lives. The gun had an aimer which showed you where you were shooting, but it bounces off trees so it can hit you. The disco and film was a great treat for me. Overall I don't have any disappointments.

Pavan

Tolmers was great. To get there you had to go through a wood but it quickly collapsed to reveal the camp. Our lodge was right next to the car park and that was very handy. First we dropped our bags off at the lodge. Then when everyone was there we got into groups of who would be in a room together. My room was Preney, Rhys, Miles, Jenson, Jack, Tim and me. We went into our room and unpacked. After that we had our packed tea and then we had a walk around camp. Then we went back to the lodge to tidy our rooms. Later we went to do the wide game. The wide game was where we had to ask different packs about their Olympic countries. We were Madagascar. It was lots of fun. After that we went to the fireworks. They were amazing. We went back to the lodge and fell asleep.

I woke up around 6 o'clock. We got dressed, had breakfast and went to join the parade. We flew the flag of Madagascar and 12th Letchworth. After that we went back to the lodge to get our water bottles and then we did our activities. That day I did rifles, air rifles, archery, the rock and the dodgems between some of those we had lunch. After that we had our next lot of activities. We then went to the campfire. I didn't know some of the songs we did but I do now. We went to the disco and then back to lodge to watch Over The Hedge. It was really funny. On day 3 the new activities I did were bungee jump, laser tag, bungee race and gladiators. We then had our lunch and went home

Callum McCreath

Murder Mystery Camp 2 (MMC2)

1st Baldock Scouts



I really enjoyed the camp. it was good because I liked the running around part of it. What I thought was good was that it included everyone. All around it was fresh, original and epic.

Tom Holford.



The Organisers

The County Appeal

The County Appeal has now reached £450,000 towards the target of £2M. This has been achieved despite the current economic climate. District and Groups are now being asked to think of ways they can support the Appeal. Last year the District sold 'Duck Race' raffle tickets in aid of the Appeal and will be looking at others ways of supporting the development of the Hertfordshire Seven Centres in the coming year. If individual Groups can think of ways they can raise money for the Appeal it would be really welcome.

One Group has added £1.00 per term per member on their subscription which is sent to the Appeal. They raise approximately £100 per term. Two Groups in a neighbouring District joined forces and held an event which raised over £300 for the Appeal. Below are two events that you might like to support.



Date: Saturday 29 June 2013
Event: Sponsored Walk
Venue: Tolmers or Phasels

In aid of the Appeal there will be a sponsored walk between Phasels Wood and Tolmers Activity Centre, a distance of 25 miles. This is open to all sections.

Why not visit both sites in one day. There will be

the opportunity to camp at either site on the Saturday evening. More details to follow or visit the County website.



Date: 7 July 2013
Event: Sponsored Cycle Ride
Venue: Oaklands College,
St Albans



St Albans District are organising a sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Appeal. The event will be open to all ages and abilities. Courses will range from 1.4K to 64K.

1st Baldock Cub Scouts - Knights



1st Baldock (Knights) Cubs raised money for UNICEF by going to camp and taking part in the giant sleepover 2012. They had a great time with lots of activities. They raised £200 for UNICEF which will be used for mosquito nets to protect people from malaria.

Dates for your 2013 Diary



Official Scout and Guide Day 12

Watford v Derby County

Date: 23 February 2013

Venue: Vicarage Road

Application form and further details in
November's edition of Headlines



District AGM

Date: 9 May 2013

Venue: District HQ, Icknield Way

Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm



Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City

Sponsored Charity Walk

Date: 19 May 2013

Venue: Letchworth Green Way

Further details to follow



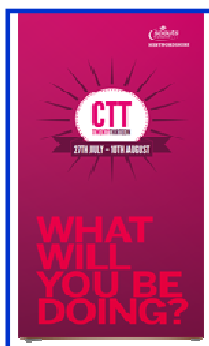
10th Anniversary Weekend

Wymondley Wood Scout

and Guide Centre

Date: 24 - 27 May 2013

Details to follow



Come to Tolmers

Date: 27 July - 10 August 2013

Venue: Tolmers Scout Camp and Activity Centre

Cost: £90.00 per Scout and £45 per Leader

This does not include transport or food.

Download available from the Tolmers website.

<http://www.tolmers.org.uk/events/40-events/100-come-to-tolmers-2013>



Achievements

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Ben Milligan
Bradley Moore

5th Letchworth Scouts
5th Letchworth Scouts

A warm welcome to



Fiona Murrell **ASL** **12th Letchworth**

Personal Learning Plan - Dates

Please find a list of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) dates .

I fully appreciate that they are all on a Tuesday evening but if there are any Leaders who would like any other days then please let me know and I will see what I can do.

Dates:

09.10.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

16.10.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

06.11.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

13.11.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

20.11.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

7.11.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

11.12.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

18.12.12 – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

These are all at the DHQ, Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City.

Simon Tierney
Training Adviser

Diary 2012

OCTOBER

14	County Cyclocross	
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
17	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
19 - 21	Peak Assault (HPA)	TBA
21	District Day Out	Woburn
25	District Scout & Guide Shop AGM	DHQ
29	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
30	Scout and Guide Shop closed	

NOVEMBER

5	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
6	Scout and Guide Shop reopens	
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	Remembrance Sunday	
18	County Green Beret - Scouts	Lees Wood
16	District Cub Quiz	DHQ
26	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

DECEMBER

3	Explorers Christmas Meal	Stevenage
8 - 9	Christmas Tree Festival	Letchworth Free Church
13	District Executive Meeting	DHQ



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